

retiree health benefits was roughly \$7 billion. The Postal Service has paid \$10 billion into the trust fund over the past 2 years. It suffered a combined loss of \$7.9 billion over those 2 years. Without the onerous payments into the trust fund, the Postal Service would have made a net profit of more than \$4 billion over that period.

Reducing the size of the payment into the trust fund for 2009 will bring the postal payment closer to the \$1.6 billion amount recommended by the Postal Service Inspector General, while permitting the Postal Service to survive the economic crisis. Many large companies in the private sector have also temporarily reduced pension and retiree benefit contributions in order to ride out similar, difficult financial circumstances.

I would like to thank Representatives MCHUGH of New York and DAVIS of Illinois for introducing this bill and for their hard work and patience in navigating the bill through the House. Further, I would like to thank the House Democratic leadership and the Budget Committee for working with us to help advance the bill to the floor. Also, I would also like to recognize Chairman LYNCH of Massachusetts for his leadership on the subcommittee and being a tireless advocate for the Postal Service and its employees. Additionally, I would like to thank the Gentlemen from California and Utah, Representatives ISSA and CHAFFETZ, for their help in securing bipartisan support for H.R. 22.

In the coming months, our committee will continue to provide close oversight of the Postal Service, including studying the business model of the Postal Service to help determine what longer-term changes may be necessary.

I am confident that upon enactment of H.R. 22 the Postal Service will be able to meet its financial obligations for this year.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 772, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 190, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 739]

YEAS—217

Abercrombie	Carnahan	Davis (TN)
Adler (NJ)	Carney	DeFazio
Altmire	Carson (IN)	DeGette
Andrews	Castor (FL)	DeLauro
Arcuri	Chandler	Diaz-Balart, L.
Baldwin	Childers	Diaz-Balart, M.
Barrow	Chu	Dicks
Bean	Clay	Dingell
Berkley	Cleaver	Doggett
Berman	Clyburn	Donnelly (IN)
Bishop (GA)	Cohen	Edwards (TX)
Bishop (NY)	Connolly (VA)	Ellsworth
Blumenauer	Conyers	Engel
Boccieri	Cooper	Eshoo
Boren	Costa	Etheridge
Boswell	Costello	Farr
Boucher	Courtney	Fattah
Boyd	Crowley	Filner
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Foster
Braley (IA)	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Brown, Corrine	Dahlkemper	Fudge
Butterfield	Davis (AL)	Gonzalez
Capps	Davis (CA)	Gordon (TN)
Cardoza	Davis (IL)	Grayson

Green, Al	McCarthy (NY)	Rush
Green, Gene	McCollum	Ryan (OH)
Grijalva	McDermott	Salazar
Gutierrez	McGovern	Sanchez, Linda
Hall (NY)	McIntyre	T.
Halvorson	McMahon	Sanchez, Loretta
Hare	Meek (FL)	Sarbanes
Harman	Meeks (NY)	Schauer
Hastings (FL)	Melancon	Schiff
Heinrich	Michaud	Schrader
Hereth Sandlin	Miller (NC)	Schwartz
Himes	Miller, George	Scott (VA)
Hinchey	Mollohan	Serrano
Hirono	Moore (KS)	Sestak
Hodes	Moore (WI)	Shea-Porter
Holden	Moran (VA)	Sherman
Holt	Murphy (CT)	Shuler
Honda	Murphy (NY)	Sires
Hoyer	Murphy, Patrick	Skelton
Inslee	Murtha	Slaughter
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Smith (WA)
Johnson (GA)	Neal (MA)	Snyder
Kagen	Oberstar	Space
Kanjorski	Obey	Spratt
Kaptur	Oliver	Stark
Kennedy	Ortiz	Stupak
Kildee	Pallone	Sutton
Kilroy	Pascarella	Tanner
Kind	Pastor (AZ)	Teague
Kissell	Payne	Thompson (CA)
Klein (FL)	Perlmutter	Thompson (MS)
Kosmas	Peterson	Tierney
Langevin	Pingree (ME)	Titus
Larsen (WA)	Polis (CO)	Tonko
Larson (CT)	Pomeroy	Tsongas
Levin	Price (NC)	Van Hollen
Lewis (GA)	Quigley	Visclosky
Lipinski	Rahall	Walz
Lofgren, Zoe	Rangel	Wasserman
Lowe	Reichert	Schultz
Lujan	Reyes	Waters
Lynch	Richardson	Watson
Maffei	Rodriguez	Watt
Maloney	Rogers (AL)	Waxman
Markey (CO)	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner
Markey (MA)	Ross	Welch
Marshall	Rothman (NJ)	Wexler
Matheson	Roybal-Allard	Wu
Matsui	Ruppersberger	Yarmuth

NAYS—190

Aderholt	Dent	Kline (MN)
Akin	Dreier	Kratovil
Alexander	Driehaus	Kucinich
Austria	Duncan	Lamborn
Bachmann	Edwards (MD)	Lance
Bachus	Ehlers	Latham
Baird	Ellison	LaTourette
Barrett (SC)	Emerson	Latta
Bartlett	Fallin	Lee (CA)
Barton (TX)	Flake	Lee (NY)
Becerra	Fleming	Lewis (CA)
Biggett	Forbes	Linder
Bilbray	Fortenberry	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Fox	Lucas
Bishop (UT)	Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer
Blackburn	Frelinghuysen	Lummis
Boehner	Gallegly	Lungren, Daniel
Bonner	Garrett (NJ)	E.
Bono Mack	Gerlach	Mack
Boozman	Giffords	Manzullo
Boustany	Gingrey (GA)	Marchant
Brady (TX)	Gohmert	Massa
Bright	Goodlatte	McCarthy (CA)
Brown (GA)	Granger	McCaul
Brown (SC)	Griffith	McClintock
Brown-Waite,	Guthrie	McCotter
Ginny	Hall (TX)	McHenry
Buchanan	Harper	McKeon
Burgess	Hastings (WA)	McMorris
Burton (IN)	Heller	Rodgers
Buyer	Hensarling	McNerney
Calvert	Herger	Miller (FL)
Camp	Hinojosa	Miller (MI)
Campbell	Hoekstra	Miller, Gary
Cantor	Hunter	Minnick
Cao	Inglis	Mitchell
Capito	Jackson-Lee	Moran (KS)
Carter	(TX)	Murphy, Tim
Cassidy	Jenkins	Myrick
Castle	Johnson (IL)	Nadler (NY)
Chaffetz	Johnson, Sam	Neugebauer
Coble	Jordan (OH)	Nye
Coffman (CO)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Olson
Cole	King (IA)	Paul
Conaway	King (NY)	Paulsen
Crenshaw	Kingston	Pence
Davis (KY)	Kirk	Perriello
Deal (GA)	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Peters

Petri	Schakowsky	Thornberry
Pitts	Schmidt	Tiahrt
Platts	Schock	Tiberi
Posey	Sensenbrenner	Towns
Price (GA)	Sessions	Turner
Putnam	Shadegg	Upton
Radanovich	Shinkus	Velázquez
Rehberg	Shuster	Walden
Roe (TN)	Simpson	Wamp
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NE)	Westmoreland
Rogers (MI)	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Wittman
Rooney	Souder	Wolf
Roskam	Stearns	Woolsey
Royce	Taylor	Young (AK)
Ryan (WI)	Terry	Young (FL)
Scalise	Thompson (PA)	

NOT VOTING—25

Ackerman	Graves	Nunes
Baca	Higgins	Poe (TX)
Berry	Hill	Scott (GA)
Blunt	Israel	Speier
Capuano	Issa	Sullivan
Clarke	Johnson, E. B.	Wilson (OH)
Culberson	Jones	Wilson (SC)
Delahunt	Loeb sack	
Doyle	Mica	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. TAYLOR, Mrs. EMERSON, Messrs. GRIFFITH, TOWNS, ELLISON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WOOLSEY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 739 on Conference Report to H.R. 2918, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 739 on the Conference Report to H.R. 2918, I mistakenly recorded my vote as “nay” when I should have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 739, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 739, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit to the RECORD the following remarks regarding my absence from a vote which occurred on September 25. I was in a meeting with constituents and unable to make the vote. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

H.R. 2918—On Agreeing to the Conference Report for Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, FY 2010 (Roll no. 739)—“nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Friday, September 25, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 738—“nay”; rollcall 739—“nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to vote on rollcalls 738 and 739. Had I been present, I

would have voted: "nay" on each of these measures.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 772, House Concurrent Resolution 191 is hereby adopted.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 191

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2918) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) In section 158(a) of division B, strike "section 158" and insert "section 157".

(2) In section 158(b) of division B, strike "section 158" and insert "section 157".

(3) In section 162 of division B, strike "sections 158 through 162" and insert "sections 157 through 161".

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 25, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 24, 2009, at 5:57 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1707.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1687. An act to designate the federally occupied building located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the "Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2053. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2121. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Galveston, Texas, to the Galveston Historical Foundation.

H.R. 2498. An act to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "William O. Lipinski Federal Building".

H.R. 2913. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3607. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 832. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 1599. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York for the purpose of announcing next week's schedule.

Mr. CROWLEY. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding.

On Monday, the House will not be in session.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business, with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Friday, no votes are expected in the House.

We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. The complete list of suspension bills will be announced by the close of business today.

In addition, we will consider Senate 1707, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 through 2014 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people; the conference report on H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010; and additional motions to go to conference on appropriations bills.

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. I thank the gentleman.

Reclaiming my time, according to Politico, the Speaker announced at your caucus meeting on Wednesday that she intends to have the final version of the Democrat health care bill drafted by the end of next week. My question is: Was the Speaker's statement accurate? And do we expect floor action on the health care bill in the House?

Mr. CROWLEY. A bill will be brought to the floor when a bill is ready to be brought to the floor. I would leave it at that. The bill will be brought to the floor when it's ready to be brought to the floor.

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Was the Speaker correct? Do we think it is going to be brought to the floor or ready by next week?

Mr. CROWLEY. Well, if the bill is ready to be brought to the floor by next week, it could very well be that case. The bill will be brought to the floor when the bill is ready to be brought to the floor.

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Will the bill be drafted by next week so peo-

ple on the other side could actually see it?

Mr. CROWLEY. Again, the bill will be brought to the floor when the bill is ready to be brought to the floor.

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Well, I thank the gentleman for his answer.

Earlier this week on Monday, our Republican whip, ERIC CANTOR, held a bipartisan town hall on health care with Democrat BOBBY SCOTT, both of Richmond, Virginia, showing bipartisan action. Following the town hall, the majority leader on your side told the media that he would like to meet and discuss health care reform with us, and we have expressed our willingness to meet with him. But we have not been asked by the majority leader yet.

Do you believe that we will be at any time soon, so that our leader can continue to carry on that bipartisan conversation?

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CROWLEY. I thank the gentleman for his question. I think the gentleman knows, as do I, that the majority leader is a man of his word; and if he gave his word to do that, I anticipate that he will follow through on that. I can't speak for him. But knowing if that's what he said, I'm sure that he will follow through on that request.

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. We look forward to that. Being one of the signatures early on in this health care discussion to a letter that the leadership on this side sent to the President saying that we were willing, able and wanting to sit down to discuss health care, we're still waiting for the President to allow us to have that discussion in a bipartisan manner.

I do believe that the work that our Republican whip, ERIC CANTOR, and Congressman BOBBY SCOTT on your side of the aisle, that the bipartisanship that they showed down there was very positive. We look to your majority leader coming forward and following up and having that discussion with our leader.

Mr. CROWLEY. I think we all welcome bipartisanship on this debate, and we hope in the end that this will be a bipartisan solution to what is a problem not only for Democrats and Republicans but for all Americans. I think if we could have more productive town halls around the country like the one you referred to that took place where the facts and the issues can be exposed, talked about and deciphered, I think we will all be better off for that.

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Mr. MCCARTHY of California. I thank the gentleman.

I would like to know from one standpoint early on and within here as we look across America and we look at the jobless and the idea that we want to create jobs here, many on this side of the aisle worked very hard on a stimulus bill that focused on small business, where 79 percent of all jobs are created. We wanted to focus on job creation. We presented that to the President. Unfortunately, that did not get put into the stimulus.